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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to ask for your consideration of Dan Kuehn of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to serve as a member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) to be established by the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

Dan Kuehn serves as the Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services for the LCRA. Dan has been involved in the procurement of reliable and cost-effective energy transportation services for over 25 years and, given his knowledge and expertise of the issues, he is uniquely qualified to serve as a member of RETAC.

Texas remains one of the largest consumers and producers of energy in the nation and, in fact, a significant amount of LCRA's power is generated by coal. LCRA co-owns and operates the Fayette Power Project (FPP) with Austin Energy. FPP burns approximately 6.5 tons of coal a year provided by the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and delivered by rail.

Thank you for your consideration of Dan Kuehn for a position on the RETAC. His experience with coal transportation and energy issues will serve the committee well in its mission of providing the STB with recommendations for how best to meet the rail transportation needs of our nation's energy industries.

Sincerely,



Kay Bailey Hutchison